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TELEGRAM FROM

Mr. H. Horstewer

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Assistance for Palestinian Arabs.

Refer Beirut tel 21 to Bagdad (E1983/734/80)
Helo Semal Hussein called, upset of his remarks
were the confirmed para 1 of Beirut tel under ref.
and said greatly to much preferred that the
development system and Arab affairs should be
administered by MUST rather than by the
Arab Committee.

Last Paper.

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DEPARTMENTAL NO.1.

FROM BAGDAD TO FOREIGN OFFICE

Sir H Stonehewer Bird, D: 12.7 p.m. 10th March, 1947
No. 223 R: 2.10 p.m. 10th March, 1947
8th March, 1947.

Repeated to Cairo,
Jerusalem,
Amman,
Jedda,
Damascus,
Beirut(Please pass to Damascus as my telegram 25)

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Confidential.

Beirut telegram 21 to me.

Jemal Hussein called on me this morning. He had previously had an hour's conversation with the Oriental Counsellor. The upshot of his remarks was as follows: Musa Alimi and the Mufti.

He confirmed paragraph 1 of Beirut telegram. He said privately he much preferred that the development scheme and Arab Offices should be administered by Musa rather than by the Arab committee because (a) that committee was not permanent, it might dissolve or be suppressed and as most members of it were under Musa's thumb and he, Jemal often found himself in a minority of one.

(C) Musa is honest.

As regards the Mufti he fully realised how detested he was in this country and that no help would be forthcoming unless the development scheme were administered by Musa. He repeated the substance of paragraph 3 of Beirut telegram.

2. Palestine and United Nations.

He repeated the substance of paragraph 2 of Beirut telegram. Your recent statements had given a completely new complexion to the whole problem because for the first time Palestine Arabs were assured that they would not be coerced. They should now stand, he said, for the creation of a unitary democratic state in Palestine.

2. [sic] Jemal proposes to return to Syria as soon as he has seen the Regent who is at present staying at home with a severe cold.

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DEPARTMENTAL NO. 1.

Bagdad telegram No. 223 to Foreign Office.

2nd sub paragraph line 6.

For "Musa's" please read "Mufti's".

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The London Conference, Impressions of Jamal Hussein
 Report Beirut tel 155 (E 1983/724/80). Enclosed copy of summary of article in Beirut EL-
 Massat of Mar 13. Giving Jamal Hussein's impressions of the Palestine Conference.

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HIS Majesty's *[illegible]* at *[illegible]*,
presents his compliments to *[illegible]* Secretary
and has the honour to transmit to him the under-mentioned *[illegible]*
documents.

British *[illegible]*.....
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14 *[illegible]* 1943

Reference to previous correspondence:
Beirut Telegram of 12/2/43 and *[illegible]*
Beirut Telegram of 20/2/43 and *[illegible]*
Description of Enclosure.

Name and Date.	Subject.
<i>[illegible]</i> Article in "Beirut Al-Iassa" dated 3rd March 1943.	<i>[illegible]</i> Reference to Beirut Telegram of 20/2/43.
<i>[illegible]</i> 	<i>[illegible]</i> Reference to Beirut Telegram of 20/2/43 and Beirut Telegram of 27/2/43.

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Summary of an Article in Arabic Language
Newspaper "Beirut-el-massa" of the 3rd March.

Jamal Musseini, head of the Arab Higher Front in Palestine, summed up his impressions of the Palestine conference in London as follows:-

The London conference was a death blow to partition and to the recommendations of the Anglo-American Commission of enquiry, and showed clearly that the Arabs were united. British sought peace and security in the Middle East, and realised that this could not be attained unless friendly relations with the Arabs were established. Therefore the British Government would not impose any solution by force, and would take a neutral attitude when the question came before the United Nations' Organisation.

Musseini is further quoted as saying that the British hated the Jews for three reasons: first because they had discovered that, as a result of the war, every British subject had become poorer while every Jew had grown richer; secondly because the Jews were exploiting the British in the black market; and thirdly because Zionist terrorism was growing serious in Palestine.

Finally Jamal Musseini referred to the unanimity of the Arab delegates in stressing the necessity of meeting force with force in Palestine. Even the head of the Transjordan Delegation had said that he would not hesitate to take up arms in Palestine's defence. The head of the Saudi-Arabian Delegation had frankly stated that the day of reckoning with the Jews was at hand.

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